BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-62-C - ORDER NO. 2006-226

APRIL 20, 2006

| IN RE: | Application of Bell Atlantic Communications, |) | ORDER |
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| | Inc. DBA Verizon Long Distance for Approval |) | APPROVING |
| | of a Maximum Rate Revision for its Monthly |) | RATE CHANGE |
| | Recurring Charge (MRC) to the Plan C |) | |
| | Bundled Service (Timeless Bundle) |) | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a tariff revision filed by Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a

Verizon Long Distance (Verizon or the Company) which adds a Monthly Recurring

Charge (MRC) to the Plan C Bundled Service (Timeless Bundle). The Company

proposes to set a maximum for this MRC at \$10.00. Upon approval of this filing, the

Company plans to file the current rate for the Plan C bundled Service MRC at \$2.00.

According to the Company, this maximum rate revision is not a general rate increase and does not impact the general body of ratepayers.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, the Company published a Notice of Filing detailing the requested relief in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The Company furnished proof that it had complied with the instructions of the Docketing Department. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. Since the matter does not affect the Company's general body of

subscribers, we will proceed to rule on the matter without a hearing. <u>See S.C. Code Ann.</u> Section 58-9-540 (Supp. 2005).

We have examined the proposed rate changes, and hold that they are just and reasonable with regard to the specific service. The addition of the MRC is reasonable, under the circumstances. The proposed rates are approved as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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